



Lions Clubs International

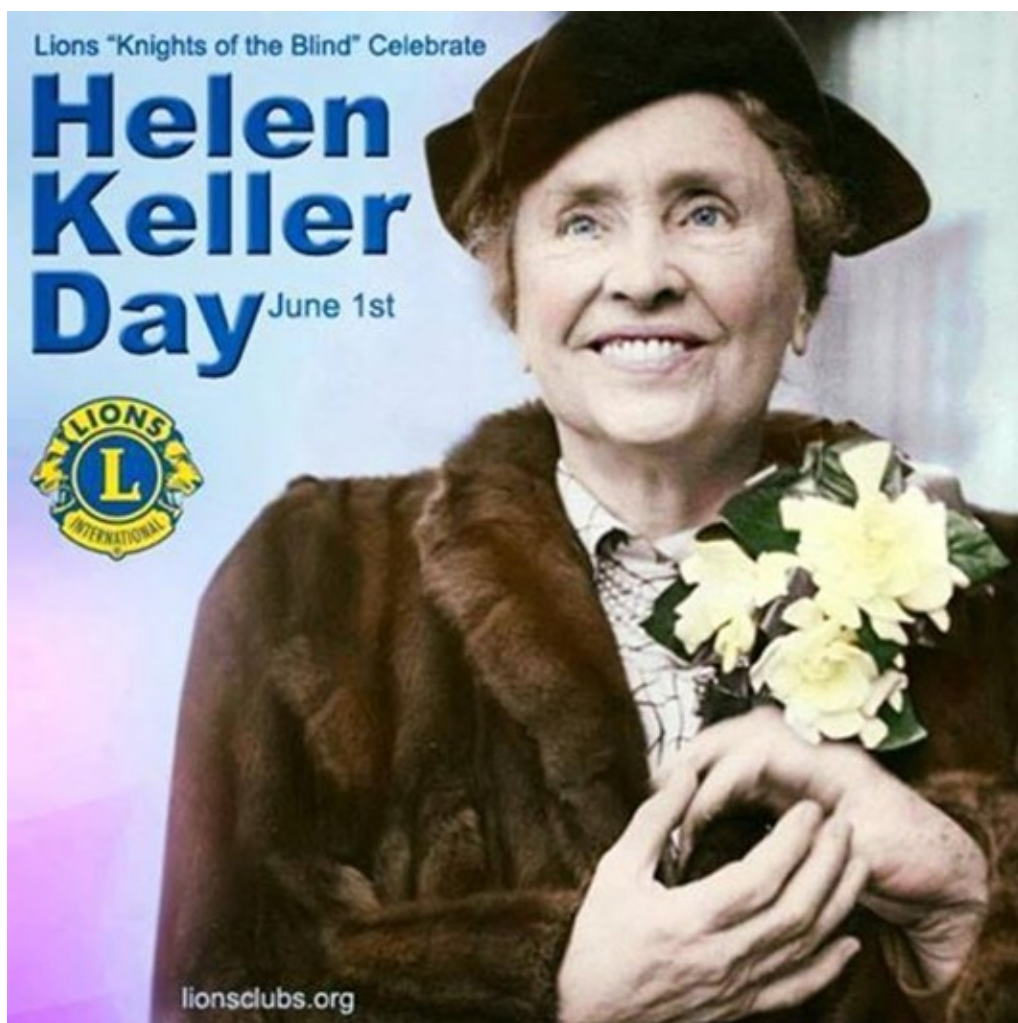
# Governor's Newsletter

**District A4**

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*There is no better way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to someone in the dark."* — — Helen Keller, Light in my Darkness



### A Note from the desk of the A4 District Governor, Lion Jean

Greetings Lions,

It is sad to say that this will be my last newsletter. What a year? None of the District Governors expected this kind of a year. Due to the pandemic there were many challenges to be faced for the first time. We, as a group, are quite satisfied as to what was accomplished in our districts.

I must say that, in July, I was quite afraid of what lay ahead but thanks to all of you throughout the district, I have had a great year. Yes, as I said there were many challenges but these were minimized by the way you and your clubs faced and overcame them.

Some club fundraisers exceeded their goals and "We Serve" became more and more apparent. Projects no one thought would be viable turned out so productive that clubs are looking at ways to adapt them when we come out of this pandemic. I have seen clubs working with other clubs. Club members communicating with each other better than before. A Lioness club becoming our first lioness club to bridge and become a lioness-lions club, the Perth Tay Lioness Lions Club. Thank you all for a good year and I only ask that

you give your new governor the same help that you gave me.

This weekend I attended the Multiple District Convention (MDA) and felt that I should share some of the highlights. As you all know with my brain they will probably not be in order but here you are.

- 1) further in this newsletter you will find the winners of the environment photo contest. For the first time 3 of them tied for second place.
- 2) every year CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind) gives an award to the best supporting district and an award to the best supporting club in each district. The winning district was A2 and the winning club in our district was Pembroke-Petawawa.
- 3) Our International guest was Past International Director (PID) Phil Nathan from the British Isles and his wife Lion Heidi Anne. Multiple District A (MDA) presented PID Phil with a donation towards his Melvin Jones with the monies going to disaster relief in India. MDA presented Lion Heidi Anne with a life membership to the Lions Foundation of Canada (LFC). It should be noted that Lion Heidi Anne works with their version of LFC and is also treasurer of her club.
- 4) District A12 won the International President's award for Kindness/ Diversity of which there are only 20 presented throughout the world.

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## Message from A4 District Governor, Lion Jean cont'd.

- 5) the proposed increase of International dues to be voted on this year has been postponed to the 2022 convention.
- 6) there was a request for each club to complete the Centennial project form. Each club completing the form will receive a patch for their banner. The form may be found on the new Canadian site [lionscanada.org](http://lionscanada.org).

### Awards given out

#### Presidential medal:

**Lion Bob Pearson** from Copetown Lions (A15). Lion Bob is the MDA Magazine Chair

#### Helen Keller Fellowship

**Lion Joyce Firlotte**, Perth Tay  
Lioness

**Lion Bob Copeman**, Almaguin  
Highlands Club, A12

#### Elected:

Past District Governor (PDG) **Al Snider**, to **run for International Director** 2021- 2023. MDA supports him and the election with be at the International Convention.

District Governor (DG) **Dan Armstrong**, District A1, as the **new MDA Council Chair** (CC) for 2021-2022.

District Governor Elect (DGE) **Carmen Portelance**, District A5, as the **new Vice Council Chair** (VCC) for 2021-2022.

Statistics: 412 people registered  
161 people participated in the Friday Night Trivia. (Since I believe in "Not Above" "not below" I obtained 25 out of 50 points)  
179 people at the Council Meeting  
??? people in the breakout rooms etc. as I was at Council, I did not get the total figures.

It was a great convention and a fantastic gift for CC Debbie Dawson.

Thank you again Lions for all you have done for me this year. I could never have lasted without your support.

I would be remiss if I did not give a special thank you to my shadows, Lion Renee Devenny (DGE) and Lion Susan Tunncliffe, 1VDGE (First Vice District Governor Elect). They were there for me and whenever I called (and I did often) they were there with their advice and support. Renee and Sue, there are no words that can express my thanks.

Lion Jean Lauzière



## Message du gouverneur de district A4, Lion Jean

Salut Lions,

C'est triste de dire que ce sera mon dernier bulletin. Quelle année? Aucun des gouverneurs de district ne s'attendait à ce genre d'année. En raison de la pandémie, il y avait de nombreux défis à relever pour la première fois. Nous, en tant que groupe, sommes assez satisfaits de ce qui a été accompli dans nos districts. Je dois dire qu'en juillet, j'avais assez peur de ce qui m'attendait mais grâce à vous tous dans le District, j'ai passé une excellente année. Oui, comme je l'ai dit, il y avait de nombreux défis, mais ceux-ci ont été minimisés par la façon dont vous et vos clubs les avez affrontés et surmontés.

Certains collecteurs de fonds de clubs ont dépassé leurs objectifs et <<Nous servons>> est devenu de plus en plus évident. Des projets que personne ne pensait viables se sont avérés si productifs que les clubs cherchent des moyens de les adapter lorsque nous sortirons de cette pandémie. J'ai vu des clubs travailler avec d'autres clubs. Les membres du club communiquent mieux qu'avant. Un club de lionnes devenant notre premier club de lionnes à devenir un club de lionnes et de lions, le Perth Tay Lioness Lions Club. Merci à tous pour cette bonne année et je vous demande seulement de donner à votre nouveau gouverneur la même aide que celle que vous m'avez apportée.

Cette fin de semaine, j'ai assisté à la Convention de district multiple (MDA) et j'ai estimé que je devais partager quelques-uns des faits saillants. Comme vous me connaissez, ils ne seront

probablement pas en ordre, mais les voici.

- 1) Plus loin dans ce bulletin, vous trouverez les gagnants du concours de photo d'environnement. Pour la première fois, trois d'entre eux sont à égalité pour la deuxième place.
- 2) Chaque année INCA (Institut national canadien pour les aveugles) décerne un prix au meilleur district qui soutient et un prix au meilleur club qui soutient dans chaque district. Le district gagnant était A2 et le club gagnant dans notre district était Pembroke-Petawawa.
- 3) Notre invité international était l'ancien directeur international (PID) Phil Nathan des îles britanniques et son épouse Lion Heidi Anne. Le district multiple A (MDA) a remis à PID Phil un don à son Melvin Jones avec l'argent destiné aux secours en cas de catastrophe en Inde. MDA a remis à Lion Heidi Anne une adhésion à vie à la Fondation Lions du Canada (LFC). Il convient de noter que Lion Heidi Anne travaille avec leur version du LFC et est également trésorière de son club.
- 4) Le district A12 a remporté le prix du président international pour la gentillesse / diversité, dont 20 seulement ont été décernés dans le monde.

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## Message du gouverneur de district A4, Lion Jean suite

5) L'augmentation proposée des cotisations internationales qui sera votée cette année a été reportée à la convention 2022.

6) Il y avait une demande pour chaque club de remplir le formulaire de projet du centenaire. Chaque club remplissant le formulaire recevra un écusson pour sa bannière. Le formulaire se trouve sur le nouveau Site canadien <<[lionscanada.org](http://lionscanada.org)>>.

### Prix décernés:

7) **Médaille présidentielle - Lion Bob Pearson** de Copetown Lions (A15). Lion Bob est le président du journal MDA.

8) **Helen Keller Fellowship - Lion Joyce Firlotte**, Perth Tay Lioness; **Lion Bob Copeman**, Almaguin Highlands Club, A12

9) Elu - L'ancien gouverneur de district (PDG) **Al Snider**, pour briguer **le poste de directeur international 2021-2023**. MDA le soutient et l'élection aura lieu à la Convention internationale.

District Governor (DG) **Dan Armstrong**, District A1, en tant que **nouveau président du conseil MDA** (CC) pour 2021-2022.

Gouverneure élue de district (DGE) **Carmen Portelance**, district A5, en tant que **nouvelle vice-présidente du conseil** (VCC) pour 2021-2022.

10) Statistiques -

412 personnes enregistrées  
161 personnes ont participé à la

rencontre du vendredi soir. (Puisque je crois en <<pas au-dessus>> <<pas en dessous>>, j'ai obtenu 25 points sur 50) 179 personnes à la réunion du conseil ??? comme j'étais au Conseil, je n'ai pas obtenu le total des chiffres. C'était une grande convention et un cadeau fantastique pour CC Debbie Dawson.

Merci encore Lions pour tout ce que vous avez fait pour moi cette année.

Je n'aurais jamais pu durer sans votre soutien, je m'en voudrais de ne pas remercier tout particulièrement mes ombres, Lion Renée Devenny (DGE) et Lion Susan Tunncliffe, 1VDGE (premier vice-gouverneur de district élu). Elles étaient là pour moi et chaque fois que j'appelais (et je le faisais souvent), elles étaient là avec leurs conseils et leur soutien. Renée et Sue, aucun mot ne peut exprimer mes remerciements.

Lion Jean Lauzière





## Blindness and Guide Dog Etiquette

### When you Meet a Person Who is Blind

**Treat** a person who is blind the same as you would anyone else. They do the same things as you do, but may use different techniques.

**Speak** in a normal tone of voice. Blindness doesn't equal hearing loss.

**Talk** directly to a person who is blind, not to their companion. Loss of sight is not loss of intellect.

When entering a room, **identify yourself**; when exiting, be sure to mention that you are leaving. Address the person by name so they will know you are speaking to them.

**If you leave** a person who is blind alone in an unfamiliar area, make sure it is near something they can touch—a wall, table, rail, etc.

**Being left out** in empty space can be very uncomfortable.

**Be sure** to give useful directions. Phrases such as “across the street” and “left at the next corner” are more helpful than vague descriptions like “over there.”

**Don't worry** about using common, everyday words and phrases like “look,” “see,” or “watching TV” around a person who is blind.

**If a person looks** as though they may need assistance, ask.

**Pulling or steering** a person who is blind is awkward and confusing — it's really not helpful. Avoid grabbing their arm, and please don't touch or steer a guide dog's harness.

**Ask**, “Would you like me to guide you?” Offering your elbow is an effective and dignified way to lead someone who is blind.

**Do not** be afraid to identify yourself as an inexperienced human guide and ask for tips on how to improve.

**Be considerate.** If you notice a spot or stain on a person's clothing, tell them privately (just as you would like to be told).

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## Blindness and Guide Dog Etiquette cont'd.

In a restaurant, **give clear directions** to available seats. Your offer to read the menu aloud may be appreciated, but you shouldn't assume the person would not want to order their own food.

When the food arrives, **ask** if the person would like to know what is on their plate. You can **describe the location** of food items by using clock positions: "Your coffee is at 3 o'clock"; "The sugar is at 1 o'clock."

**Leave doors all the way open** or all the way closed — half-open doors or cupboards are dangerous. **Don't rearrange furniture** or personal belongings without letting the person know.

**Be sensitive** when questioning someone about their blindness. This is personal information and boundaries should be respected.



### Cornwall Lions Club

#### **WANTED!! GOLFERS**

The **Cornwall Lions Club** is hosting a Golf Day at Cornwall Golf & Country Club on Saturday June 26th. The day's events include a game of golf (cart included), lunch, a take home supper (pizza), competitions, and prizes. Registration is \$125.00. To register yourself or a team, contact Kibby Lutz 613 930 3340 or email [kibby@kibby.ca](mailto:kibby@kibby.ca).



### Elgin Lions

The Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Unit hosted a pop up covid vaccination clinic at the **Elgin Lions** Hall April 27th. With the help of Elgin Lions volunteers, community volunteers and Rideau Lakes firefighters, 230 folks were vaccinated. The **Elgin Lions** donated the hall free of charge and a light luncheon for volunteers and the Brockville Health workers!

The clinic was complete in partnership with local pharmacist Dan O'Farrell ensuring folks in the community felt comfortable getting a vaccine.

### Richmond & District Lions

**The Richmond & District Lions** were active in 2020 in spite of COVID restrictions. Our annual Bottle Drive was enthusiastically received, with over 4 trailer-loads of empties being returned to the local depot.

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Richmond & District Lions cont'd.

The resulting proceeds are traditionally used to prepare and distribute the literature for the annual Christmas Cheer program. Christmas Cheer had originated with a local radio station and

**Richmond & Lions** eventually the program. years, the local Food Bank, Gower Outreach (Rural Ottawa Support Services) recipients of the This year, a \$14,501 was to the Richmond



the **District** took over Over the Richmond North and ROSS South have been proceeds. cheque of presented Food Bank.

Lion Gerry Moore, Lion Dale Greene, Richmond Food Bank Representative Judy Wagdin

A new congregation in the community, the Fo Guang Shan Temple (Buddhist) reached out and donated to the Christmas cheer program, and offered Lions members a tour of their new facility.





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## Calabogie Lions Club



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Calabogie Lions Club cont'd.

Chris Gordon, Week 1 Winner, expressed this sentiment regarding why she bought tickets for the raffle. "I don't normally buy tickets on these games, but when I saw the groups being supported, I just had to participate."



Here is a pic of the winner, Chris Gordon and Lion Jim Libbey, Club Treasurer

### About the Beneficiaries

[Bernadette McCann House](#) works for change that will end abuse by providing safety, support and education to all those who experience abuse.

[Hospice Renfrew](#) provides a freestanding residential hospice to serve the palliative care needs in the community.

[Ronald McDonald House Charities Ottawa](#) provides an affordable and compassionate environment for families of seriously ill children receiving medical services.

[Calabogie Lions Club Inc.](#) raises funds and donates to a wide variety of programs that support youth sports and recreation, families in distress, health providers and community events.

Go to <https://calabogiecatchtheace.com/> to find more information about how these charities need your help.

Thank you.

Lion Tamatha Strachan  
President Calabogie Lions Club

## PERTH LIONS NEVER GIVE UP!



During these unprecedented times, the **Perth Lions Club** stepped up to the plate and came through when it counted. At the beginning of the pandemic in May when P.P.E. supplies were critically needed, **President Bob Turnbull** got in touch with his two sons Rob and Adam who were living in China at the time and they acquired over 4,500 surgical masks and had them shipped from Hong Kong to the **Perth Lions Club** who then presented them to grateful front line workers at Lanark Lodge Long Term Care Home.



Then in June, **Lion Joyce Firlotte** was successful in securing a grant from Lions International and with members of the **Perth Lions Club** and Subway Restaurants delivered meals to front line workers at four long term care homes in Perth and Smiths Falls over a 3 week period.



In December, it was announced by the town of Perth that the annual Santa Parade was cancelled and **Lion Ken Beesley** rallied Club members and the Santa-Drive Thru Event took place and raised over \$2,200.00 for the local Salvation Army as well as dozens of gifts for needy children. Over 400 cars loaded with smiling little kids and their parents were greeted by Santa and Mrs. Claus on the evening of December 5th at the Perth Fair Grounds.



**The Perth Lions Garlic Festival** is the Clubs biggest fundraiser and is held the second weekend in August. Due to the pandemic, the Club has had to cancel it for a second year and their funds have dried up. However, through hard work, new ideas and innovation, the Club has come through in a remarkable way! **PERTH LIONS NEVER GIVE UP!**





## Important International News

The Grand Prize Winner of the 2020-21 Lions Clubs International  
#PeacePoster Contest: Yue Zheng, age 13, sponsored by Dalian De Long Lions Club  
(China)!



See all the 2020-21 winners at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/peace-poster-winners>



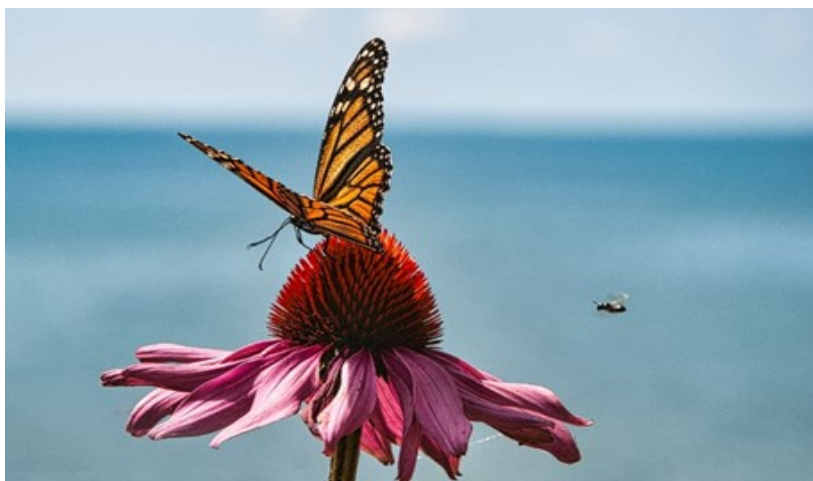




## 2021 MDA Environment Photo Contest Winners

### 1st Place

Lion David Simpson,  
Port Dover Lions Club,  
A-2



**Photo E:** Monarch, Bee, Echinacea

### 3 Way Tie for 2nd Place

- (1) Lion David Bones,  
Kearney Lions Club, A-12



**Photo D:** Pond Reflection



## 2021 Environment Photo Contest Winners

### 3 Way Tie for 2nd Place

- (2) Lion Brenda Newman,  
Southeast Manitoulin  
Lions Club, A-5



**Photo G:** Canoe Sunset

- (3) Lion Paul Kelly,  
Larder Lake Lions Club, A-5



**Photo I:** Wild Lynxes

*A moment lasts  
all of a second,  
but the memory  
lives on forever*



Lion Ronald Lapointe, Aylmer Lions Club  
Lion Peter Henry, Kanata-Hazeldean Lions Club  
Lion Brian Sullivan, Cantley Lions Club

## Upcoming Events:

### June 2021

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|--------------|--|
| <b>1</b>     | Helen Keller Day   |
| <b>7</b>     | Lions Clubs International birthday   |
| <b>25</b>    | First Vice District Governor/District Governor-Elect seminar (Day 4)   |
| <b>25-29</b> | 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention (Virtual LCIcon 2021),<br>Montreal, QC Canada                         |
| <b>30</b>    | Last day to submit <a href="#">district goals</a> for first vice district governor/<br>District governor elects. |

*It's the end of the year*

